

Agenda

Ask An Expert Online Chat: Using Classroom Observation to Measure Teacher Effectiveness

October 21, 2014

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT

Goals

- To discuss practical suggestions for using classroom observations to generate data and to provide helpful, timely feedback for teachers as part of a comprehensive professional development approach
- To provide a platform for the exchange of ideas and resources through interactive conversations with a key content expert and peers

3:00 p.m. Welcome and introduction to the webinar platform by Dr. Elizabeth Greninger, Facilitator (edCount, LLC)

3:10 p.m. Presentation by Christy McInnis, Senior Education Consultant at Cambridge Education

Overview of the topic: Ms. McInnis will summarize main points of her original presentation from the 2013 Teacher Effectiveness Webinar Series. Participants will learn about the essentials of effective observation and be encouraged to think about effective practices they have experienced.

3:20 p.m. Guided Discussion: Part 1 – Successes (Q&A, shared experiences)

Using the chat feature, participants will share effective observation practices they have experienced. Ms. McInnis will respond to comments and guide the conversation.

3:30 p.m. Strategies for Local Implementation

Ms. McInnis will review some best practices for classroom observation that participants can apply in their local context.

3:33 p.m. Guided Discussion: Part 2 – Challenges (Q&A, shared experiences)

Using the chat feature, participants will share any challenges they experienced when making classroom observations or being observed. Ms. McInnis will guide the conversation through her responses to participant comments.

3:43 p.m. Recommendation for Overcoming Challenges: Quality Feedback

3:45 p.m. Guided Discussion: Part 3 – Action Steps

3:50 p.m. Question and Answer Session

3:55 p.m. Closing

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